



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1723  
MICHAEL S. REEDY )  
SERIAL NO.: 09/835,827 )  
FILED: April 16, 2001 ) Examiner: Marianne S. Ocampo  
FOR: SPLIT LEAF FILTER )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month Extension of Time to respond to the Office

Action mailed on August 26, 2002, as follows:

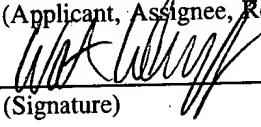
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Applicant petitions for a two-month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2002, thereby extending the time for response from November 26, 2002 to and including January 26, 2002.

Transmitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$380.00 that covers, among other things, the small entity fee for a two-month extension of time as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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